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Unfortunately, I cannot make that meeting but would like to make a statement.

Medicaid and Medical care is hard enough to get, but to not have someone to help you through the rough spots is going to mean more depressed and stressed individuals and families, which will mean more medical care needed for the stress related problems. Add to this the damages emotionally to the children who will begin to be neglected because of their parent's emotional overload from the lack of ability to get help finding services, and now we have a serious additional problem that will affect the schools, the system and society. It would be far cheaper to keep OHA to help these families and provide the buffer they need, than to pay the increased medical care via Medicaid and Medicare that will occur from the stress and anxiety of feeling alone and unable to get help. And then add the cost of more juveniles in jail, in foster care, in in-patient and out-patient facilities along with added police and funding that will be needed to control these neglected children, and the cost has now doubled. This is not just a trickle down affect. This is a down pour affect.

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